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TAGS: PFOR,SF,OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP
LISBONFOR A. LAKE, S/P, AND G. CHAPMAN, S/S-S WITH
THE VICE PRESIDENT

1. AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY YOU SHOULD APPROACH
EITHER BOTHA OR FOURIE TO INFORM SAG THAT AMB YOUNG
WILL ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN LISBON EVENING OF
15 MAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN
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GOVERNMENT HAS NOW ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO MY VISITING SOUTH AFRICA MAY 21 AND 22. WE ARE
THEREFORE MOVING AHEAD TO COMPLETE DETAILED ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE VISIT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE WILL
BE CONCLUDED IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MANNER. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT WILL PROMOTE THE KIND OF PEOPLE-
TO-PEOPLE CONTACT THAT IS SO NECESSARY IF THERE IS TO

BE PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. END TEXT.

3. CHARGE SHOULD ALSO INFORM SAG IN LOW KEY THAT YOUNG WILL BE COMING IN OWN PLANE WITH FULL PARTY ON 21ST AND DEPARTING FOR SUDAN ON 22ND.

4. FOLLOWING ARE COORDINATED TALKING POINTS IF SOUTH AFRICANS QUESTION YOUNG'S USE OF OWN PLANE:

A. PRESS TRAVELLING WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT NOT ACCOMPANYING HIM ON TRIP TO JOHANNESBURG.

B. IF THEY ARE REFUSED PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY YOUNG AND ARE LEFT IN MAPUTO FOR THE 27 HOURS YOUNG IS IN JOHANNESBURG, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE NUMEROUS ADVERSE STORIES ABOUT INCIDENT AND INCREASED PUBLICITY WHICH WILL DO NEITHER SAG NOR USG ANY GOOD.

C. THEY MIGHT ALSO SEEK TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH OTHER MEANS, RAISING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS.

D. SUCH A SITUATION COULD POISON THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE YOUNG VISIT AS WELL AS HAVE AN UNFORTUNATE IMPACT ON THAT SURROUNDING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, SOMETHING WE WISH TO AVOID.

E. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT, IN VIEW OF THE GREAT CONCERN AMONG THE PRESS ACCOMPANYING YOUNG, IT WOULD
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BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOUNG FLEW IN WITH FULL PARTY ON HIS OWN PLANE RATHER THAN OPPENHEIMER'S.

F. THIS WOULD HELP RATHER THAN HINDER HIS ABILITY TO KEEP HIS VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA IN A POSITIVE PERSPECTIVE AND WITHOUT INCIDENT.

G. YOUNG COULD THEN LEAVE DIRECTLY FOR SUDAN FROM JOHANNESBURG ON 22ND.

H. WE ARE CONFIDENT THE SAG WILL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO AVOIDING QUICKLY A CONTENTIOUS SITUATION WHICH COULD HARM US BOTH.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS BY FLASH TELEGRAM TO DEPARTMENT, -LISBON FOR A. LAKE, S/P, G. CHAPMAN, S/S-S WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND USDEL SECRETARY.

6. FYI: IF SAG REFUSES ADMISSION OF PRESS ON YOUNG

AIRCRAFT, WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT YOUNG GO AHEAD WITH VISIT BUT THAT YOU ALSO PUT IN WORD ON BEHALF OF VISA APPLICATIONS BY REPORTERS IF ANY OF THEM ASK US TO DO SO. YOU SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. END FYI.

7. FOR LISBON: PLEASE SEND FULL PASSENGER MANIFEST TO CAPE TOWN, INFO DEPARTMENT, SO THAT CHARGE MAY PRESENT TO SAG IF ASKED. CHRISTOPHER

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